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Applicant: Satoshi HIRAI Group: 1733
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For: PNEUMATIC TIRE INCLUDING SHOULDER GROOVES

REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CLAIM FOR FOREIGN PRIORITY

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

In reviewing the above-identified application file upon allowance, the undersigned has noted that the Examiner has not yet acknowledged the claim for foreign priority that was filed on February 22, 2006 together with the certified copy of the priority document. The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of the claim for foreign priority and the certified priority document.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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